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DISADVANTAGES OF MINICARDS

1. The small size of Minicards will tend to make them easier to lose thus creating a security problem. The small size also creates special handling problems and quality control problems. Nothing on the Minicard is readable with the naked eye, thus making it more difficult to operate the system manually in the event of an emergency.
2. Air conditioning and humidity requirements are more rigid with Minicards than Intellofax.
3. Some problematical disadvantages are also related to handling problems - scratches, dust, curl, and shrinkage. It has not been determined how seriously these may affect the system.
4. The following are disadvantages at present, but plans are already on the drawing boards to correct them:
 - a. Paper Tape Input - The continuous form of tape is not desirable although it is not a decided disadvantage; however, it does add to the system an extra step which will be eliminated by a punched card input capability.
 - b. At present there is not a high speed print out from the Minicard. The present print out speed is limited to the speed of the Flexowriter (600 characters per minute).
 - c. It is difficult to change code in a Minicard, but it is planned that a Minicard Computer will be made which will introduce a great deal of flexibility into the system such as the ability to change code; to regenerate code from card to card so the system will always use first generation code thereby eliminating some of the code reading problems; the ability to convert punched cards to Minicards automatically; the ability to automatically verify the accuracy of the input; the ability to automatically disseminate Minicards based on requester requirements, etc.

5. *Analysis Version*

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